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NOTES FROM WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORTS #34:

1. From OTR Briefing Officer: On 21 September a briefing was conducted for eight members of the DCI's Coordination Staff, including [redacted] Part of the session was devoted to a briefing on CIA organization and part to a documented historical and legal analysis of the coordinating responsibilities of the DCI and of CIA.

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It came as a surprise to most of the members to be told that there was no statutory justification for making a real separation in the coordination field between the DCI and CIA. The statute specifically assigns the coordinating responsibility to CIA as an Agency and not to the DCI as a person. In doing so, Congress knew of and specifically departed from the Presidential Directive of January 1946, which established CIG and which assigned functions not to CIG but to the DCI. Further, the statute itself shows that Congress was aware of the distinction when it assigned the protection of intelligence sources and methods to the DCI as a person, but the coordinating responsibility to CIA as an Agency. While it is true that the NSC (NSCID #1) has made the DCI-CIA distinction and spoken of the DCI as the coordinator rather than CIA as the coordinating Agency, it is a question of focusing the coordinating responsibility on the man heading CIA. Any other reading, which would deny any coordination responsibility to CIA as an Agency, would be contrary to the statute. The NSC cannot repeal the statute. It is a question of the NSC feeling that the concept of the person of the DCI as coordinator would be more palatable to the other intelligence agencies than that of CIA as the coordinating Agency. The NSC directive is procedural in its impact and does not alter the substantive rights assigned to CIA by the statute.

There has been a tendency on the part of some of the members of the Coordination Staff--understandably, because they want to emphasize their impartiality--to differentiate so sharply the so-called "two hats" that they, in effect, tend to downgrade CIA as an Agency. This is particularly dangerous these days. It plays into the hands of those who would separate the "two hats"--downgrading CIA and upgrading the DCI right into the White House or State, bringing with him ONE and OCI. The Air Force representative on the Coordination Staff favors the complete separation of the two responsibilities. Those who favor it in

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State and in the White House seem to have come to the realization that it cannot be done without changing the statute. That such a change will be attempted is a distinct possibility.

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2. From Chief, Clerical Training: Miss [] reported to Clerical Induction Training on 25 September 1961. [] will take over Mrs. [] assignment as Training Assistant. Mrs. [] is resigning from the Agency on 29 September 1961. 25X1A9A 25X1A9A

3. From Chief, Intelligence Production Faculty: The Writing Workshop Correspondence Course has to date enrolled fifteen students, of whom at least two are already in the new building. Students range in rank from a GS-3 (who is doing excellent work) to a GS-14. The three major components of the Agency are about equally represented. 25X1A6A

4. From Chief, Training Support Branch: On Thursday, 21 Septem-

stalled as soon as possible.

5. From Registrar: A language award application came to our attention recently which is worthy of some special mention. An FDD employee began a two-year tour in [] June 1959, lacking any knowledge of []. It is understood that before departure he obtained some guidance from our LAS instructor about planning to acquire some useful knowledge. While there he obtained a private tutor, learned enough to obviate the need of using an interpreter, read newspapers daily and met socially with [] several times weekly to improve his skill. 25X1A6A 25X1A6A 25X1A6A

[] When tested at headquarters this summer his ability in was confirmed as: 25X1A6A

Reading	High
Writing	High
Pronunciation	High
Speaking	High
Understanding	Native

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This is a commendable accomplishment--to go from "0" to High Comprehensive--even for one with facility in foreign languages (his awards include one or more each for Czech, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish). Award for the employee, [REDACTED] was approved at the directed training rate by his Career Board.

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